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■ **Kara Kathleen Lapish** and Kurt Traverse, August 6. She is program manager for California Dollars for Scholars and he is assistant controller for ALCOA Telecommunications. They live in Fullerton.

■ **Kelly Murry** and Justin Creasey, July 9. Both are athletic trainers in Knoxville, Tenn., she with the Knoxville Orthopedic Clinic and he with the University of Tennessee football team. ■ **Nicholas Pennington** and Meaghan Kyle, May 13. They live in Santa Barbara, Calif., and Nicholas is housekeeping manager for the Santa Barbara Four Seasons Resort. ■ **Brian Allen Reinhardt** and Amanda Suzanne Malone, May 14. They live in Charleston, S.C., where he attends the Medical University of South Carolina and she is a nurse at Plantation Pediatrics.

■ **BIRTHS:** **Jonathan and Pearce Triplitt** '02 **Butcher**, a son, Elijah Hamilton, August 28. They live in Crofton, Md. ■ **Brian and Sadie Aycock** '02 **Krawczyk**, a daughter, Katherine Eden, June 26, 2004. They live in Grayson, Ga. Brian is president of Gwinnett Outreach, a partnership between Young Life and local churches. Sadie works for Gwinnett Outreach and for Gymboree Play and Music.

■ **Andy and Elizabeth Dodd Lazar**, a son, Andrew Dodd Lazar, July 25. They live in Moore, S.C.

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Next reunion in 2006

Michelle Abraham recently moved to Sugarland, Texas, to teach Bible at Fort Bend Baptist Academy. ■ **Ellen Alsbrooks** is studying for a Certificate in International Business Practice awarded by the University of Cambridge International Examinations in London. She is also working for a venture capital firm specializing in fashion retail. ■ **Daniel Atkinson** is a law

clerk in the office of Judge J. Derham Cole in Spartanburg, S.C. ■ **Christopher Bowden** is an associate in the law offices of King & Spalding LLP in Atlanta. ■ **Johnlee Curtis** graduated in July from the World Trade Institute in Bern, Switzerland, with a master's degree in international law and economics. He is an international trade law consultant for the Swiss National Science Foundation. ■ **Mark Higgins** is an underwriter with Hartford Life Insurance Company in Alpharetta, Ga., and is completing an M.S. degree in risk management at Georgia State

University. ■ **Luke Kosman** has begun work as European key account manager for Umbra in Gothenburg, Sweden. His wife, **Emelie Isacksson-Kosman**, is sales manager at Pre Swede. ■ **Kelly Matthews** is a teacher in the Rock Hill (S.C.) School District 3. ■ **Audrey Clair Page** received her law degree from Wake Forest University and is an attorney at Children's Law Center in Charlotte, N.C. ■ **Jill Underwood Roberts** teaches pre-first grade at Heritage Preparatory School in Atlanta. She also teaches harp lessons and plays

for different events in the area.

■ **Jennifer Scholz** was scheduled to enter a doctoral program in clinical psychology at Argosy University in Atlanta this fall. ■ **MARRIAGES:** **Hannah Blevins** and Joseph Harvey, August 6. They live in Atlanta where he is an associate in the Hunton and Williams law firm. She is completing her dissertation for a doctorate in performance ethnography from the University of North Carolina. ■ **Janeane Clarke** and **Paul Leese**, June 4. Janeane is a financial specialist for Wachovia and Paul is

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Sharp-eyed reader Coleman Hood '78 caught us in an error on "The Last Word" page in the summer issue of the magazine.

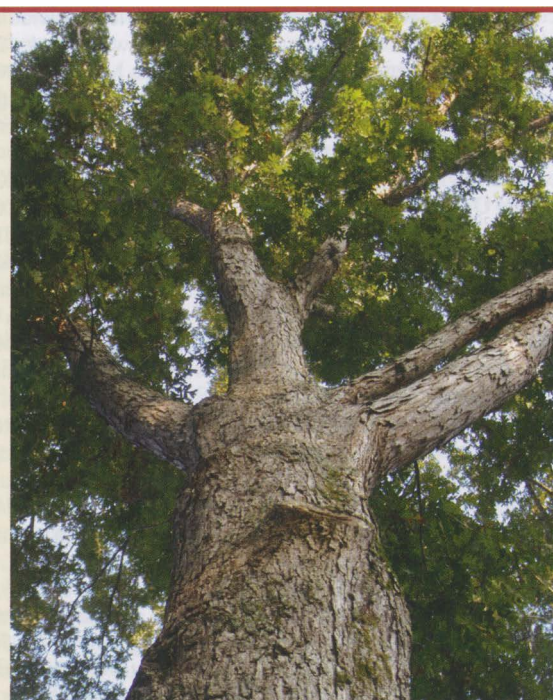
Accompanying David Shi's article, "Ode to the Oak," was a photograph of a majestic tree. The only problem: It wasn't an oak.

As Hood pointed out, "The photograph accompanying this article is almost certainly not that of an oak (genus *Quercus* L., family *Fagaceae*). Rather, it is of a maple tree (genus *Acer* L., family *Aceraceae*.) While the photograph is by no means definitive, the tree appears to be one of *Acer saccharum* Marsh, the common sugar maple.

"I might be wrong. It wouldn't be the first time. At any rate, I enjoyed my brief time under all of Furman's canopy, the academic as well as the arboreal."

Hood attended Furman for two years before going on to the University of Georgia, where he earned his degree in 1979 — in forest resources.

We checked with biology chair (and botanist) Joe Pollard, who confirmed that Hood was correct. And



we traced the error to a mix-up in communication (and lack of botanical skills) between editor and photographer.

So in an attempt to remedy the situation, we herewith try again to publish a photo of one of Furman Mall's mighty oaks. And we thank Coleman Hood for his good-humored letter.

— Jim Stewart